

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
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NSC UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE

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TO: The Deputy Secretary of Defense  
The Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission  
The Director, U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: Decisions on NPT Follow-Up

1. Soviet-US Simultaneous Signature of the Ratification Instruments and Possible Deposit.

a. It was decided to await the President's reaction to the Secretary's memo on setting a date for the SALT talks. If the President does not wish to move on the date at this time, it was agreed that a formal approach should be made to the Soviets in an aide memoire as a follow-up to the Secretary's conversation with Kuznetsov.

b. If the President decides on an immediate move to set a date, it was agreed that the two issues might usefully be linked in an effort to achieve simultaneous signature of the instruments of ratification and announcement of the date for SALT talks.

2. Japan.

Agreed to continue encouragement for Japanese membership on ENDC and that subsequently Japanese would probably ratify NPT.

3. EURATOM/IAEA.

a. State (IO, SCI & EUR) and AEC will review status of safeguards discussions and prepare specific recommendations for coming talks with European Community Commissioner Haverkamp and EEC President Rey.

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b. This group will also suggest a line to be taken with Luns who is coming this month since the Dutch appear reluctant to allow EURATOM staff to prepare a negotiating position.

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4. India/Pakistan.

ACDA is to prepare a specific recommendation for the Secretary to press both India and Pakistan on NPT. This recommendation should stress for India the link between its position on the ENDC and ratification of the NPT.

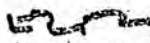
5. Argentina.

State (ARA) and ACDA should use our support for Argentine membership on the ENDC to encourage Argentina to ratify the NPT.

6. Australia.

ACDA is to prepare a specific recommendation to the President to initiate discussion of the NPT with Gorton rather than waiting for the Australian argument to be presented.

7. Dr. Kissinger agreed to propose a NSSM to study peaceful nuclear explosions and their handling in the context of the Test Ban Treaty.

  
Elliot L. Richardson  
Chairman

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